

An application must include the following uploads: a photo, a complete curriculum vitae with bibliography, and, for Active applicants, the 3 most significant articles that s/he personally wrote. The application must be completed and submitted online by March 1, 2015, and all support letter(s) (three for Active applicants, one for Candidates) uploaded by that applicant's sponsor(s) by March 31, 2015, in order for the applicant to be

considered for election to membership at the 2015 Annual Meeting.

WTSA 41st Annual Meeting

Save the Date!

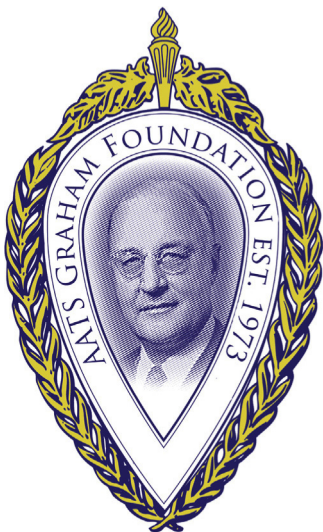
June 24-27, 2015

Fairmont Chateau Whistler

Whistler, British Columbia, Canada

The AATS Graham Foundation

In Its 40th Year, the AATS Graham Foundation Announces New Specialty Programs



Over the past year, new fellowship programs for medical students, fellows, residents, and international professionals have been developed that provide specialized educational and training opportunities.

The Cardiothoracic Surgical Investigator Program caters to cardiothoracic surgeons interested in conducting clinical or translational research, while the **Traveling Scholar Program** provides young cardiothoracic surgeons from around the world a chance to study clinical techniques at a secondary institution.

Our new **Resident Poster Session Scholarship** for thoracic surgical residents has become extremely popular and competitive, along with the **Critical Care Scholarship** program that boasts over 50 students expected to participate in 2014!

Along with our programmatic growth, we have engaged our Board of Directors to a full complement of eight, complete with two active board committees: Advisory Council headed by Dr Tim Gardner and Development Committee headed by Dr Raphael Bueno.

As our parent Association, the AATS underwrites all operational costs of the Foundation, allowing 100% of all individuals' contributions to go directly to Foundation programming.

The AATS Graham Research Foundation is *driving leadership, learning and innovation in the pursuit of excellence!* For more information on the AATS Graham Foundation, please visit <http://aatsgrahamfoundation.org>.

The American Board of Thoracic Surgery

Notices

The part I (written) examination was held on December 3. It is planned that this examination will be given at multiple sites throughout the United States using an electronic format. The closing date for registration is August 1 each year. Those wishing to be considered for examination must apply online at www.abts.org.

To be admissible for the Part II (oral) examination, a candidate must have successfully completed the Part I (written) examination.

A candidate applying for admission to the certifying examination must fulfill all the requirements of the Board

in force at the time the application is received. Please address all communications to the American Board of Thoracic Surgery, 633 North St Clair Street, Suite 2320, Chicago, IL 60611 (telephone: 312-202-5900).

Requirements for Maintenance of Certification

Diplomates of the American Board of Thoracic Surgery (ABTS) who plan to participate in the Maintenance of Certification (MOC) process must hold an unrestricted medical license in the locale of their practice and privileges in a hospital accredited by the JCAHO (or other organization recognized by the ABTS). In addition, a valid ABTS certificate is an absolute requirement for entrance into the Maintenance of Certification process. If your certificate has expired, the only pathway for renewal of